

WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A TELLING PRESENCE IN THE CITY



The Baptism of Jesus,
by Fra Angelico, Italian, 15th century

JANUARY 8, 2012
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

WE ENTER THIS CHURCH NOT AS STRANGERS, BUT AS CHILDREN OF GOD

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in worship, mission, and programs at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

During Today's Worship

Large-Print Bulletins, Bibles, Hymnals, hearing assistance devices available from ushers.

Child Care in the Nursery (8:15AM-11:30AM) is for infants and toddlers (through age 3).

Children are welcome in worship at Westminster! Those ages 4-6 may attend

Children's Church during 10:30AM worship. 'Pew bags' with quiet activities are available from ushers for older children.

Closed-circuit TVs broadcast the worship service in the Great Hall.

Please turn off cell phones and pagers when in worship.

Out of respect to those with allergies, please avoid wearing scented products to church.

For your security, please do not leave valuables unattended, or in coat pockets in our closet areas. Remember to lock your car and put valuables out of sight.

Church School & Adult Education

Church School students in K-3rd grade meet for Gathering Time in the Youth Music Rm. at 9:15AM, then go to class with teachers. All other ages go directly to their classrooms.

Adult Education Course information is available in the *Education for Faith & Life* catalog.

If You Are New to Westminster

Free Sunday morning parking at Orchestra Hall Ramp, 11th St. & Marquette. Take a ticket when you enter the Ramp; pick up a parking voucher at Westminster; use both your ticket and the voucher to exit the ramp.

Join us for fair trade coffee and refreshments after the service.

Red Rovers (wear red carnations) and **Ushers** (wearing white carnations) are happy to answer your questions.

Church Tours begin in the sanctuary at 11:45AM on the fourth Sunday of the month.

The Next New Member Class Series begins January 22, 2012

For more information about becoming a member of Westminster, visit ewestminster.org/membership or contact Rev. Annika Lister Stroope, 612.332.3421 or astroope@wpc-mpls.org.

If You Seek to Deepen Your Involvement with Westminster

Faith in Action Get involved in serving and seeking justice. Contact Dan Franklin, dfranklin@wpc-mpls.org or Rev. Douglas Mitchell, dmitchell@wpc-mpls.org.

Fellowship Enjoy fellowship with other members and friends of the church.

Contact Melanie McCall at mmccall@wpc-mpls.org.

Other Worship and Prayer Opportunities at Westminster

Visit www.ewestminster.org for current information about Westminster.

Daily Devotion Line with scripture & prayer read by the pastors, 612.332.7087.

Summer Wednesday Evening Worship June & July, 6:15PM.

Communion & Prayer Service Sundays in the Chapel at 9:45AM.

Celtic Worship Service Second Thursday of the month, 7:00PM, *during the program year*.

Quiet Worship Fourth Saturday of the month, 9:00AM in the Chapel.

Westminster Cares

Births, Adoptions, and Baptisms Contact Kathy Fisher, kfisher@wpc-mpls.org or 612.332.3421.

For Pastoral Care please notify Claudia Kapitan or the clergy of hospitalization, illness, death, or prayer requests, 612.332.3421 or ckapitan@wpc-mpls.org.

Health & Healing Ministry offers blood pressure screenings the 2nd Sunday of the month.

The Westminster Counseling Center offers pastoral counseling for individuals, couples, families, & children. Call 612.332.7743 for appointments.

JANUARY 8, 2012

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ❖ 8:30 & 10:30AM

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Our service begins with the Prelude, inviting us to prepare for worship.

10:30 Welcome

Annika Lister Stroope

Prelude *Praeludium*

Nicolaus Bruhns

Our Life in Christ

8:30 Stephen Robertson

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*As the morning greeting is offered,
please complete the friendship folder found in your pew and pass it to your neighbor.*

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 29)

One: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name,

All: worship the Lord in holy splendor.

One: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

All: the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

One: The voice of the Lord is powerful,

All: the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

One: Let us worship God.

***Processional Hymn** No. 489 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

10:30 Candle Mackenzie Grossman

Bible Evan Giles

UNSER HERRSCHER

Prayer of Confession

10:30 Douglas Mitchell

The congregation confesses its need for forgiveness in prayer.

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

Silent Prayer

Worshippers seek God's forgiveness in their own lives.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness (from Romans 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17)

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, hear the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

10:30 Commissioning of the Cameroon Travelers

10:30 Anthem *This Is the Record of John* Orlando Gibbons
This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed and denied not; and said plainly, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, What art thou? That we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord. (John 1:19-23)

Mary Monson, mezzo soprano

*Following the Anthem, children ages 4–6 may go to Children’s Church.
Please fill out a nametag, in the friendship folder, for your child(ren).*

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination 8:30 Larry Kuusisto 10:30 Sarah Bjelland
Before the reading of scripture we pray that God will illumine our understanding.

Reading from Holy Scripture Acts 19:1-7 (NT p. 122)
Mark 1:4-11 (NT p. 30)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *How Do We Get Started as Christians?* Tim Hart-Andersen

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*10:30 Hymn No. 492 *Baptized in Water* (vss. 1-2) BUNESSAN

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant Meghan K. Gage-Finn
Words of Scripture
Renunciations
*Profession of The Nicene Creed (Traditional) *See page 15 in Hymnal*
*Prayer over the Water
*Renewal of the Promise

*10:30 Hymn No. 492 *Baptized in Water* (vs. 3)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

10:30 Stephen Robertson

The minister leads the people in prayer, concluding in unison with the prayer Jesus taught. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A Moment for Meisel Scholars

Erika Lantz

Offertory Sentences

Offertory

8:30 *Ton Carol*

trad. Welsh Carol

Kathy Criston, soprano

The old year is dying, fast dying away,
a dull cloudy sunset has clos'd its last day.
The night winds are sighing, its last hour is fled,
the bells have ceas'd ringing the old year is dead.
A new year is coming to gladden the heart,
and like a bright sunrise new hope to impart.
Let joy and affection pervade every home,
while bells are now telling the new year is come.
While year after year is fast passing away,
God's peace and contentment hold o'er ye their sway.
When days are dreary blessed memories
may cheer the people of God each coming new year.

10:30 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

GROSSER GOTT, arr. John Ferguson

The congregation is invited to stand on cue, and sing vs. 4 of Hymn 460.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** No. 361 *How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

***Charge and Benediction**

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Since the earliest days of the Christian Church, worshippers have greeted each other with a sign of peace. Given that we are in the cold and flu season, please do not shake hands. All are invited to offer a verbal greeting, such as: "Peace be with you."

Postlude *In Thee Is Gladness*

J. S. Bach

TODAY AT WESTMINSTER

8:15-11:30AM Childcare available, through age 3, Nursery

8:30 (Chapel) & **10:30** (Sanctuary) **Worship**

Tim Hart-Andersen preaching

9:15AM Education Hour

- **2nd & 3rd Grade Parent Meeting**, Refectory
- **Blood Pressure Screening**, Counseling Center
- **Church School**
- **All-Church Book Read**, various rms.
- **Social Justice Forum**, Meisel Rm.
- **Early Childhood Family Fellowship**, Bushnell Rm.
- **Virtues & Values**, Founders Rm.

9:45AM Brief Communion Service, Chapel

11:30 Meisel Scholar Reception, Meisel Rm.

11:30 Fellowship Time, Great Hall & Heller Commons

11:45 WestConnect After Hour, Bushnell Rm.

Westminster Gallery, *Follow the Star*

NEXT SUNDAY, JAN. 15

8:15-11:30AM Childcare available, through age 3, Nursery

8:30 Chapel **Worship**

Annika Lister Stroope preaching

9:15AM Education Hour

- **2nd & 3rd Grade Parent Meeting**, Refectory
- **Church School**
- **All-Church Book Read**, various rms.
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9:45AM Brief Communion Service, Chapel

10:30 Sanctuary Worship

Alika Galloway, Co-Pastor, Kwanzaa Community Church preaching, *So How Are the Children?*; Music with African Harmony

11:30 Fellowship Time, Great Hall & Heller Commons

11:45 WestConnect After Hour, Bushnell Rm.

COMING UP

ADULT EDUCATION

Wednesday Adult Ed: Jan. 11, 18, 25,

6:30PM, Meisel Rm. Dr. Arland

Hultgren, Professor of New Testament, Luther Seminary, will teach on *Paul and His Letter to the Romans*.

Sunday Adult Ed All Church Book-Read, Room, by Emma Donoghue. Join small group discussions on Jan. 8 & 15, 9:15am. Speaker Rob Brault on Jan. 22. Groups meet in Great Hall, Bates Room, Refectory. No sign-ups, just show up, and join in the lively reflection.

Adult Ed Saturday Seminar, Jan. 28, 8:30AM-2:30PM Dr. Richard Rohrbaugh speaking on *The New Testament in Cross-Cultural Perspective*. \$25, includes lunch. RSVP by Jan. 23 to Claudia, 612.332.3421 or ckapitan@wpc-mpls.org. More info online: ewestminster.org/adult_education.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Celebrate the Chinese New Year, Sat., Jan. 28, 5:00-7:00PM, Midtown Global Market Meet us in the commons area where we'll gather over dinner (on your own—many options available) and spend some time with friends, old and new. RSVP to Marie by Wed., Jan. 25 at mkruskop@wpc-mpls.org or 763.535.8973.

FAITH IN ACTION

Unless noted, contact Dan Franklin for info on FIA activities, 612.332.3421 or dfranklin@wpc-mpls.org.

Community Partners Evaluation Team

Monday, Jan. 23, 6:30PM at WPC. To help evaluate funding requests from local non-profit organizations, contact Dan Franklin. There will also be meetings in February and March.

Social Service meets Wednesdays, 9:00AM (Social Service Rm.) or **6:00PM** (2nd floor lounge) to knit or crochet warm scarves, caps, mittens for those in need. Patterns, materials, instruction provided. Questions, contact Lee Zopff, 612.371.9616, or Sandra Berthene, 952.929.8044.

FELLOWSHIP

TGOE: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Robertson will speak at The Great Over Fifties on **Sunday, Jan. 15.** Steve will share stories of ministry and personal reflections of his 15-year journey as an ordained minister. Register for lunch (\$14) **today** or call Kathy Miller, 612.840.1043.

WestConnect is a group for adults in their 20s & 30s seeking fellowship, faith formation, and great events. Join us each Sunday after 10:30 worship for the AfterHour in the Bushnell Rm. **Today:** sermon discussion; **Jan. 15:** *Exploring Faith and Work:* Max Musicant discusses finding your professional path. Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/WestConnect](https://www.facebook.com/WestConnect)
Brunch for Eight

Dinner for Eight does brunch on **Sat., January 21, 10:30AM-1:00PM!** Be a host or a guest as part of a small brunch group and get to know your fellow WPC members. Sign up for brunch. Register on Jan. 8 & 15 in Heller Commons, or contact Kent Cassidy, 612.220.3798; [kccassidy@aol.com](mailto:kecassidy@aol.com) or Dan Franklin at the church by Jan. 16. See you at brunch!

MEISEL SCHOLAR RECEPTION

TODAY in the Meisel Room following 10:30 worship. Learn more about the Meisel Grant program and hear from last summer's award recipients. If you are interested in applying for a 2012 Meisel Grant, or supporting this program, this is a great chance to connect and get more information. Join us for refreshments and conversation!

NEW MEMBERS

If you are visiting Westminster and think you have found your church home, contact us to sign up for the next new member classes series, starting Jan. 22. Contact Rev. Annika Lister Stroope, 612.332.3421 or astroope@wpc-mpls.org

PASTORAL CARE

Prayer Ministry If you have a prayer request, please fill out a Prayer Request card (in the Friendship Folder) or call the church, 612.332.3421.

Caregiver Support group meets at

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of
Gertrude Hognander
by Joe Hognander

Westminster the 3rd Sat. of each month, 1:00-2:30PM. Contact Claudia Kapitan, 612.332.3421 or ckapitan@wpc-mpls.org.
Grief Support Group Meets Saturdays, 9:30AM at Westminster, mplsgriefsupport.com. **Jan. 14,** Phyllis Campbell tells her personal story of child loss.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

WOW Westminster on Wednesday

Men and women of all ages meet on Wednesdays, 9:00AM, Meisel Rm. for coffee, men's & women's Bible studies, program. Upcoming programs include: **Jan, 11** Ann Carlson from The Dignity Center; **Jan. 18** *Mixed Reality* with Julia Anderson Mann. For info on WOW programs, call Sharon Achor, 952.847.9117.
Save the Dates! Mark your calendars now for the Faith Nixon Symposium on **Saturday, February 18,** when our speaker will be the Rev. Peg Chamberlin, Executive Director of the MN Council of Churches.

WORSHIP

Beginning today, the brief Communion Service in the Chapel begins at 9:45AM.

MLK Schedule Change

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, will be at Westminster on January 21-22. His presentation at Kwanzaa will be on Saturday, Jan. 21 and he will preach at Westminster on Sunday the 22nd. Alika Galloway, Co-Pastor of Kwanzaa Community Church will preach at Westminster on Sunday, Jan. 15 at 10:30AM.

Stewardship 2012



At CountingOurBlessings.org, you can read journal postings from members and staff, and post your own comments and engage with the Westminster community...and make your 2012 pledge.

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

Monday, January 9, 2012

6:00pmTroop 33

Tuesday, January 10

5:50pmAdult Handbell Choir

7:30pmAA Meeting

Wednesday, January 11

9:00amSocial Service (Sew, Knit, Crochet)

5:15pmSupper (Adult \$7, Children \$3)

5:30pmAdult Ed: *Living the Faith*

6:00pmSocial Service (Sew, Knit, Crochet)

6:00pmChildcare; Parent & Child Time

.....Cherub Choir; Youth Handbells

6:25pmSeraphim Choir

6:30pmAdult Choir; Adult Ed

6:45pmYouth Choir; Confirmation

6:55pmChoristers Choir

Thursday, January 12

7:00pmCeltic Service

Friday, January 13

6:30pmTroop 100

Saturday, January 14

9:30amGrief Support Coalition

CLERGY & STAFF

WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Timothy Hart-Andersen, *Senior Pastor and Head of Staff*

Mary Hess, *Director of Legacy Giving*

Kathy Fisher, *Executive Assistant*

ADULT ED & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Rev. Katherine S. Michael, *Associate Pastor*

Kathy Fisher, *Leadership Development Admin. Assistant*

Claudia Kapitan, *Adult Education Admin. Assistant*

Barbara Mauk, *Librarian*

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

The Rev. Meghan K. Gage-Finn, *Associate Pastor*

Mary Alette Davis, *Director of Children's Ministries*

Elsa Kendig, *Interim Dir. Middle/High School Ministries*

Marie Kruskop, *Coord. of Early Childhood Ministries*

Barbara Prince, *Administrative Assistant*

EVANGELISM & FELLOWSHIP

The Rev. Annika Lister Stroope, *Associate Pastor*

Melanie McCall, *Coord. of Fellowship & Special Events*

Claudia Kapitan, *Evangelism Administrative Assistant*

Kristin Kieft, *Publications Coordinator*

FAITH IN ACTION

The Rev. Douglas Mitchell, *Associate Pastor*

Dan Franklin, *Coordinator of Discipleship Ministries*

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Dr. Melanie Ohnstad, *Minister of Music and the Arts*

and *Organist*

Dr. Jere Lantz, *Westminster Choir Director*

Dr. Rodney Allen Schwartz, *Director,*

Westminster Gallery and Archive

Barbara Prince, *Program Assistant*

Nancy Carter, *Handbell Choir Director*

Brad Ollmann, *Dir. Early/Middle Childhood Music*

Shekela Wanyama, *Dir. Youth Music*

PASTORAL CARE

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Robertson, *Associate Pastor*

Claudia Kapitan, *Administrative Assistant*

ADMINISTRATION

Samuel G. Cooke, *Director of Administration*

Sandy Wilson, *Office Manager*

Jennifer Zenanko, *Accountant*

Mary Dolan; J D. Shaffer, *Accounting Assistants*

Debbie Anderson; Sarah Kantrud, *Receptionists*

Amy Riesenber, *Wedding Coordinator*

FACILITIES

Neale Holleschau, *Facilities Manager*

Todd Bushy, Brian Coyoc, Christopher Glenn, Ree

Johnson, Richard Wilder, *Facilities Staff*

EMERITA

The Rev. Elizabeth D. Heller, *Associate Pastor Emerita*

WESTMINSTER CAMP AJAWAH

Dave Moore, *Director*

Sarah Kantrud, *Registrar*

WESTMINSTER COUNSELING CENTER

The Rev. Dr. Margaret McCray, LMFT, *Exec. Director*

The Rev. Ross A. Aalgaard, MSW, LICSW

The Rev. Dr. Leta J. Herrington, LPC

The Rev. Mary Keen, LMFT

Lori Churchill, *Business Manager*

WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL FORUM

Susan McKenna, *Director*

PARISH ASSOCIATES (Volunteer Clergy)

Rev. Denise Dunbar-Perkins, Rev. Margaret McCray,

Rev. Dean J. Seal

DAILY PHONE DEVOTIONS

January 8Mark 1:4-11

9Gen. 35:1-15

10Isa. 6:1-13

11Jer. 1:4-10

121 Sam. 3:1-20

13Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18

141 Coe. 6:12-20

15John 1:43-51

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for the daily lectionary commentary



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